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Clay Connell resigns as city commissioner

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

With just over two months left to serve out his term as a Belle Glade City Commissioner, Rodney "Clay" Connell has submitted his resignation to the city, effective July 1.

Mr. Connell, who has been a city commissioner since 1993, said he has taken over management of a Bedrock's Store in Vero Beach and he no longer has the time to attend city commission meetings.

The three-time city commissioner has missed a majority of the city commission meetings the past two months and most of the city's workshop meetings.

He and his wife, Lesley own a home on Northeast Third Street in Belle Glade, but Commissioner Connell said he is trying to sell his home and plans to move to the coast.

"I hate leaving Belle Glade, and I still have family there, but I have this new business and it requires a lot of my time," he said. "It's been a pleasure serving the city and I wish everybody well," he said.

During Monday night's commission meeting, Mayor D. Bill Mathis said according to the city charter, the city is not required to hold an election to fill the vacancy left on the commission, since there is less than 90 days before the city's Sept. 14 election.



Rodney "Clay" Connell

He said the commission could appoint a replacement to fill the seat until the September election and suggested the appointment of former city commissioner Daniel Herring.

"Daniel Herring is a CPA and the city could use his experience," he said. "Especially since I believe this upcoming budget is going to be a night-mare."

Mayor Mathis said he spoke to Mr. Herring after receiving Commissioner Connell's resignation over the weekend and Herring said he would be willing to step in temporarily, but had no interest in running for the seat in the fall.

Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson told commissioners she was not in favor of appointing Mr. Herring. She noted the city had not had Mr. Connell's

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BENDING OVER BACKWARDS... Genecka Morris, shown above, took five gold medals at the USA Track and Field Region 4/Florida Junior Olympic Qualifier competition in Miami last week. The 12-year-old student from Lake Shore Middle School will go on to the Junior Olympic Nationals in Omaha, Nebraska on July 27. See related photo Page 10.

Sex offender wants seized computer returned to him

Christopher Carden, 39, of 1119 Stillwell Rd. in Belle Glade was in court Tuesday with his lawyer, asking Circuit Judge Marvin U. Mounts Jr. that his computer be returned to him.

The computer was seized during a sweep on June 8 when the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Belle Glade Police Department, Pahokee Police Department, and several other county law enforcement agencies decided to check the current residence of some 457 sexual offenders and sexual predators.

Carden's lawyer, James Eisenberg told the judge the



Christopher Carden

pornography on the computer was of adult women and did not break a rule of his probation.

Besides being charged with violation of his probation, Carden was also charged with possession of marijuana during the

According to Eisenberg, no conditions were set in Carden's probation that said he couldn't have pictures of women.

Eisenberg also told the judge that Carden, who designs Web pages, needed the computer returned to his home in order to continue his work. He also claimed the pornography belonged to a client of his who hired him to design a Web page.

Prosecutor Barry Maxwell objected to Eisenberg's claim saying he intends to file another violation of probation for the

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Commuters traveling to and from the Glades asked to share rides

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Traveling to and from the coast each day to work in Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay is done by numerous people who live in Wellington, Royal Palm and Loxahatchee.

While exact numbers aren't known, during season, they could range as high as 200-300 and include teachers, sugar mill workers, correctional officers, hospital personnel and

city employees, just to name a few.

The Florida Department of Transportation wants more of these commuters to share rides to reduce traffic congestion, lessen environmental pollution and help the commuters save money.

"As South Florida's population continues to grow and traffic congestion increases, the wear and tear on commutes and the environment is taking a serious toll," says Thomas Cerny, project director of the South Florida Commuter Service.

"It's become imperative that we counter single-car occupant traffic patterns with transportation modes that reduce the number of cars on the road," he adds.

South Florida Commuter Services is promoting and facilitating alternative modes of transportation through their Ridesharing Program.

Already, about 40 people from Belle Glade participate in the program, which links those who wish to share rides together with those who want to share the driving.

Mr. Cerny says one of the major concerns carpoolers have is that they will be stranded at

work without transportation in the event of an emergency or if they have to work late.

To eliminate this concern, Commuter Services offers up to six free vouchers for each carpooler to use Palm Trail or call a taxi in these situations.

Mr. Cerny said he realizes that getting a taxi in West Palm Beach to come to Belle Glade and pick up a rider could be expensive, but he said most people do not use the service very often and he has found very little abuse of the vouchers.

"We want to make sure this area knows our services are available," said Mr. Cerny. "You'd be amazed at the number of people who live near each other work near each other, would like to car pool, but just don't know each other," he said.

The program has been in existence in South Florida for over two years, and already, Mr. Cerny said it is estimated that ride sharing has saved taxpayers over \$2 million.

To participate in the program and be entered in a database that matches you with others who are interested in ride sharing, who live near you, work or go to school near you and commute during the same time, call 1-800-234-RIDE (7433).

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group meeting set for June 29

Anyone interested in the restoration of the Everglades and a sustainable economy is invited to attend a meeting of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group, being held on Tuesday, June 29 from 3 to 6:45 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 30 from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting is being held in Jensen Beach at the Holiday Inn Oceanside, located on Hutchinson Island at 3793 N.E. Ocean Blvd.

The Working Group consists of federal, state, local and tribal governments working in cooperation with all interested parties to restore, protect and preserve the Everglades and

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WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK... These young men, members of the Glades Youth Council, seemed to be having a great time while working to earn money for their organization last Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church. Shown above are Santonio Holmes, Jimmie Vincent, Cergie Sincere and Junior Amilar.

SUNPHOTO By Brenda Bunting

ER Chronicles: This tragedy was too close to home



In 17 years as an ER nurse, Marcie knew that she had witnessed just about every tragedy and condition. She was an ER veteran; not much could shake her.

But tonight was different. This was one of those rare times when Marcie's usual emotional shield was being broken down. This was just too close to home.

The evening shift had begun rather routinely: a broken ankle, an asthmatic, a couple of fractures. It was busier at 10 p.m., but not too chaotic.

Marcie was ready for the last hour of her shift. Her feet were sore, and she was beginning to think about heading home.

Then the paramedic's voice broke over the radio, and the evening took a quick turn.

"Medic 62 here. We have a 15-year-old girl from a teen party. She's unconscious, maybe a drug abuse situation."

Marcie heard the message from across the nurse's station. She shook her head and sighed, then moved toward the

Critical Care Room to prepare a bed and a heart monitor.

The paramedic's report continued: "Her pressure is 110/60, but her respirations seem a bit shallow. I'm checking her oxygen saturation. We're just around the corner, be there in a minute."

Marcie and the emergency physician met the incoming stretcher as it rolled into the room.

Marcie gasped. "Dr. Tammy Cortez looked up from across the stretcher. "You OK?"

Marcie's voice trembled. "It's one of my neighbor's girls...Jenna." She leaned over the motionless body, touched a cheek, and whispered, "She's my daughter's best friend."

"Marcie?" Cortez needed the nurse to work with the team to stabilize this patient.

Marcie's head snapped up. "Yes! I'm here! I'll get another IV line going, get her blood, and get a catheter in her bladder." She knew the routine well, and knew she needed to move swiftly.

Another nurse was calling out. Jenna's blood sugar level, and Cortez was giving medication instructions. Marcie heard the physician ask for a tube to assist the breathing; it

had become too shallow. Marcie was trying to focus, but it wasn't easy.

As she felt Jenna's arm for a vein, it felt like her own daughter's skin. As she brushed back the blonde hair to help the Respiratory Therapist put a tube into Jenna's lungs, it looked like her own daughter's hair.

As she slid another tube through Jenna's nose and into her stomach, Marcie shuddered; this girl was always so kind and polite. How could this happen?

It was difficult to focus. The next several minutes passed by as if in slow motion. Marcie handed blood and urine specimens to a technician. She put a charcoal solution into Jenna's stomach to absorb some of the drugs still in the gastrointestinal tract.

Marcie heard the physician talking with two teenagers in the hallway.

"Yeah, she was trying some different things, doc." A clean-cut male offered his opinion. "She was smokin' a little, and I think she had some GHB."

"I told her not to take any more of my Gee," a shaggy-haired girl said. The seven earrings in her left ear caught

Marcie's attention.

Cortez returned to the bedside. "How's she doing?" She spoke directly to Marcie.

"Vitals are stable now. She's not fighting the ventilator machine."

"And how are you doing?" Marcie hesitated. The worry on her face was obvious. Her voice cracked when she finally spoke.

"I'm not sure...where my daughter is. She spent a lot of time with Jenna."

Cortez tipped her head quickly toward the door, in a silent motion that shouted "get-out-of-here-and-go-check."

Another nurse tapped Marcie's shoulder and pushed her gently toward the ER nurse's station. Marcie wanted desperately to make the call, but, at the same time, she really didn't want to make it.

She picked up the phone, then put it down. She looked at her watch: 11 o'clock. She picked up the phone again and dialed her home.

Two rings. Three. Four rings. The answering machine picked up.

Drug abuse and its complications remain a huge problem in this country. In recent

years, it has been reported that more than half of American youth try an illicit drug before they finish high school. The annual cost of drug abuse in the USA exceeds \$100 billion.

Common drugs of abuse include the stimulant cocaine, the mind and judgement-altering substances such as marijuana, hallucinogens like LSD, and, more recently, so-called "designer drugs."

Designer drugs are often cooked up in kitchens, using readily available chemicals and substances, and employing recipes obtained from the Internet or from friends. Such drugs include MDMA ("Ecstasy") and GHB.

Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) is a designer drug that has been implicated in many deaths and injuries. Also known as "G," it can cause all kinds of effects, including vomiting, seizures, and coma, and it often has a profound suppressing effect on breathing.

Many victims simply "go to sleep" and quit breathing.

The effects begin within 20 minutes, and generally last four hours. GHB is quite difficult to detect in the usual tests available in ERs.

Acting primarily as a sedative, GHB use in the club scene is becoming more widespread. Because it is usually colorless, odorless, and tasteless, it is often added to drinks. In this way, it is frequently implicated in sexual assaults. GHB, along with the classic "date rape" drug, Rohypnol, served as the impetus for Federal legislation that increased penalties for sexual assaults associated with the use of drugs. This law went into effect in 1996.

DR. STAUFFER, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

Dental and optical offices open in Family Health Center



DENTAL AND OPTICAL OFFICES OPEN... Two new offices have opened at the Family Health Center at 15 West Canal Street, North, Belle Glade. Dental Lake Services and Optical Lake Services are now open for business. All Lake Pharmacy will be opening in three weeks. Belle Glade Mayor D. Bill Mathis was on hand last week to welcome the new businesses to our town. Shown, from left are Yoniet Doya, dental manager, Mayor Mathis, Tania Gonzalez, administrator, Surina Wodson, assistant manager of the Health Center and Willie Lawrence, marketing director.

New automated analyzer at Glades General Hospital helps doctors detect disease from blood

Patient blood testing during hospitalization or medical treatment plays an important part in a doctor's ability to diagnose and monitor disease. In emergency situations, blood test results can be a matter of life and death.

The laboratory at Glades General Hospital, Belle Glade, has installed a new, highly sophisticated automated chemistry analyzer that quickly and accurately analyzes blood, serum and other body fluids. Called the Dimension RxL, the instrument provides fast test results to help doctors diagnose heart problems, diabetes, liver disorders and various blood anemias, among other diseases.

The Dimension RxL processes blood samples and produces

test results as quickly as 50 seconds to 25 minutes, depending on the complexity of the test. These results are automatically dispensed by the analyzer's built-in computer interface to a lab or Hospital Information System, which makes them easily and quickly accessible to medical and clinical staff.

It also has a built-in quality control program which keeps sample analysis and results reporting highly accurate.

The analyzer also automatically records and manages relevant information including patient identification, tests performed, results dispensed and other important data.

Another feature of the Dimension RxL is its ability to detect and identify the presence

of "drugs of abuse" in blood samples. These are the common street drugs like marijuana, cocaine, PCP, opiates and alcohol. A full nine test study can be completed in about 15 minutes. This is especially crucial in the ER, where every second counts and the need to diagnose and confirm a possible drug overdose is essential to providing the correct treatment.

"Blood studies represent the largest group of clinical tests performed in our lab," says Rob Koper, Director of Laboratory Services. "The Dimension RxL eliminates doing these tests manually because it's virtually a complete chemistry lab in a box."

Jim Seward, Interim CEO adds, "The analyzer is a significant investment on behalf of our community. Proper medical care, through quick, accurate diagnostic testing benefits everyone, doctors and patients alike. Doctors are able to treat their patients faster and with more confidence and GHB is able to achieve this without added staff, which helps us hold the line on health care costs," said Mr. Seward.

For more information on any of their services, call the Family Health Center at 992-8875.

THE LABORATORY AT GLADES GENERAL HOSPITAL, Belle Glade, has installed a new, highly sophisticated automated chemistry analyzer that quickly and accurately analyzes blood, serum and other body fluids. Shown above, from left are Felipe Sanchez, lab technician, Rob Koper, director of the lab, Dinaliza Calderon, lab technician, Nancy Wester, lab secretary and Maria Pozo, lab technician.

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"I'm calling in reference to all the kids in the Pahokee area on four wheelers and dirt bikes riding through people's yards, racing up and down the roads. It's time for the parents to take responsibility. They are the ones who got them these bikes, they should take the responsibility to teach them safety and where to and not to ride them."

"I see the police trying to stop them and get them to stay off, but they run from them. If they run out in the road in front of a car and get killed the first thing the parents will want to do is sue somebody."

Parents, stand up and take your responsibility seriously on this matter before some child gets hurt or some innocent person gets hurt.

Thank you."

Pace Center closing

"My concern is the closing of the PACE project on June 30. What is the requirements for recruiting, because I have not heard of them recruiting through the churches. I worked at

an elementary school and I didn't hear anything about their soliciting or recruiting for applicants from the elementary schools. I'm not sure about the other elementary schools."

They say they didn't have their quota, which was 50, or a waiting list, but what did they try to do to recruit students?

The churches, the Boys & Girls Club, other organizations should have been contacted to help in that effort rather than be in town for just a little while and fold the project up and take it to West Palm Beach. We need quality programs in our area to serve the people in our area. Yes, transportation is going to be provided, but it is not the same as having an agency in the community. A lot of times there is a discouragement to applicants if they have to commute."

What did PACE do to try to get kids into their program?

Editor's note: PACE employees say they take referrals from many sources, including parents. Another package is available to anyone who wishes to stop by the PACE center and apply. The telephone number to call for more information is 996-6008.

Guest Editorial

Educational Excellence for all children

By U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley

Ask most American parents what they want for their children, and the first answer is likely to be a good education. But how can you know if your child's school is really performing well?

Recently, we proposed "The Educational Excellence for All Students Act," which would go a long way toward addressing some of your most important school-related concerns:

• How good is my child's school?

Schools would give parents an annual report of any gun, drug or violent incidents, and under the current Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program, school districts would be expected to adopt only proven anti-drug and violence prevention programs, to intervene with trou-

bled youth, and to expand character education programs that help children learn the difference between right and wrong.

• How can my child's school be improved?

There would be special attention to low-performing schools - intensive teacher training and extra after school and summer help for students trying to catch up, based on proven school reform methods. (Nineteen states have already shown success by taking such actions. President Clinton's budget includes \$200 million to help more states and school districts make these important improvements.)

• How can classroom discipline be improved?

States and school districts would adopt fair, consistent discipline policies, and students who are suspended or

expelled from school would receive appropriate supervision, counseling and other services.

• How can the quality of school be improved?

States would test all new teachers to make sure they have the skills and knowledge they need to teach the subjects they'll be teaching. This would help to make sure that no teachers are teaching "out of field," such as social studies teachers teaching math or science, as happens all too often. And there would be new efforts to recruit, retain and support good teachers, especially in high-poverty schools.

• How can we get smaller classes in my child's school?

Under this proposal 100,000 new teachers would be hired,

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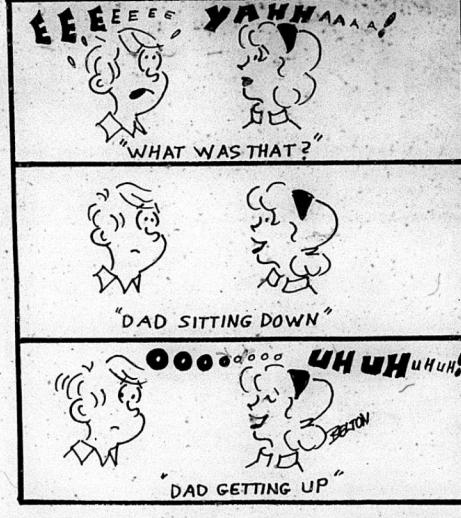
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Letters to the Editor

Emissions testing is unnecessary

Dear Editor:

On June 10, 1999 I took my 1992 F150 Ford pickup to Belle Glade for its annual emissions inspection.

As I was driving to Belle Glade I was thinking what a useless thing I was doing. I am driving a vehicle that was mandated by the US government to be built with the very latest technology, almost no emissions to be allowed, the very latest in exhaust fume recycling, the very latest in catalytic converter. The very cleanest vehicles built anywhere in the world...and here I am being forced to give Invirotech my money for doing a service that is useless. All of the above because Invirotech's lobbyists know which of our state officials to keep happy.

I got to Belle Glade and here is this huge long line of cars pulled over to the right of the street waiting to get up to the testing station. The testing station is a old van and a truck with two people operating them and a rack to drive your auto on. Of course all this is completely outside with the test rack on the side of the street and the vehicle parked in the street. Every time it rains all the people who have waited for an hour or half and half can just sit there getting madder and madder. I pull in behind the last vehicle (about 20 cars or more ahead of me) and when finally I was able to pull up about two car spaces I see this sign on the edge of the street that says "all cars park on the other side of the street." Well, I am sure not about to leave my place in line and go over to the other side of the street. So, it rocks along and pretty soon I see another sign. This sign says "do not block driveway." Well, this sign makes sense because there are two driveways coming into the street and sure enough, the people in line are leaving a wide path on each side of the driveways.

Finally, I get all the way down to the end of the line where it makes a right turn going up to the rack, and as I am sitting there reading I see a police car pulling up into the street. I paid no attention until about a minute later he walked up to my vehicle and told me I had to move. To say the least I was flabbergasted. I asked him why I had to move and he told me I was blocking traffic. I told him right away that I was not blocking traffic, that there were no driveways even close to where I was, only a grass lot with a telephone pole right by me. He told me that it didn't matter, I would have to move to the other side of the street. As he walked away from me, the car in front of me went up another space so I turned the corner and pulled up into the space he was in. I was sitting reading again when the officer banged on my window. I rolled it down and he told me again that I had to move my vehicle. Here I am, the fifth car, already around the corner in the home stretch and he says I have to move. I asked him again why I have to move and he told me again that I was blocking traffic. I told him again that I wasn't blocking anything, that there was nothing there but an empty lot. He told me again that I was blocking traffic and if I didn't move from where I was and park across the street that he was going to ticket me with obstructing traffic. He told me to pull out of line and go over across the street and park behind the black car that was over there. The black car was over there and also a van was in front of it. Both of these vehicles were the ones that were behind me and

he is telling me to get behind them. I started pulling out to go across the street and low and behold, another vehicle jumps right in the space I had just left. I turned around in the middle of the road and pulled right in back of this vehicle and I didn't hear anything more from the policeman.

When they checked my vehicle it passed with flying colors as I am sure all the vehicles that have been manufactured within the last eight or nine years.

Something needs to be done about this senseless waste of our time and money. Invirotech needs to be sent back to wherever they came from and the people who are accepting favors from Invirotech need to be sent packing!

Also, I feel the Belle Glade Police Department is completely wrong to let these people set up in the middle of the street and on top of that to ask people to park the wrong way on the wrong side of the street and then have them cut across traffic to get to the inspection station which is in the middle of the street.

Sincerely,
Jimmy L. Shirley
Pahokee

Taking out the bone

Dear Editor:

There has been much to-do lately about the state budget and the new governor's heavy hand with the veto pen. The press has had much fun with members' projects, i.e., turkeys or pork in the budget. Because of the sensationalism and political realities of campaign commitments, much of the local community funding support was removed from the budget this year.

For those that may not be aware of the process, each county has delegation meetings. At these meetings a request list for help with various local projects is given to their representatives. With the federal government now "block granting" federal funds to the states this process is more important than in the past. As messengers of our constituents, each year we carry these requests to Session in Tallahassee to craft a budget. (Our only real charge and duty.)

For Taxwatch to suggest only requests from the Executive Branch of government should be considered not only smacks of arrogance, but also provides for the Legislative Branch of government to abrogate its duties and responsibilities. The legislative members that fight for these projects are merely the messengers for those who will benefit. To get a true picture of winners and losers in this budget, extend the programs to see who really receives the benefit of the appropriations then add up the score. In Florida's environment, education, elderly, young, needy, disabled; retired, workers, rural areas, urban areas or the faceless government that wins or loses?

Our task is to find a balance and the Governor's job is to weigh in on that process. I applaud the Governor for cutting out the fat as previous Governors have done. One has to wonder, however, about cutting to the bone just as many of our communities are improving due to a robust economy. To take out the bone now, in these extraordinary times, is a real puzzle.

O.R. "Rick" Minton Jr.
Representative, District 78



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BELLE GLADE POST OFFICE... Belle Glade Postmaster Johnny Johnson, (center) holds a giant cookie congratulating the Belle Glade Post Office for the quality of service to customers. The post office scored a perfect 100% in a Mystery Shopper survey. The local post office was evaluated on about 30 items, including friendliness and helpfulness of employees, availability of materials for customers and cleanliness of the building. "This is very special because this very seldom happens that a company scores a perfect 100," said Joe Guthrie, district manager of retail operations for the Mystery Shopper Award. Postal employees were treated to a pizza party. Shown in the picture, from left, are Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Johnson, and Belle Glade Post Office Supervisor Milton Crittenden.



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allowing class size in grades 1-3 to be reduced to a national average of 18 students. This would give teachers more time to give young students the individualized attention they need to get off to a good start.

*** What about after school time?**

Funding for quality after school, weekend, and summer programs would triple. More than 1 million young people would receive expanded learning opportunities in academics, computers and the arts, and enjoy healthy recreational opportunities.

*** I want to challenge my child to do better. Can I**

expect the school to do the same?

All students would be expected to show they are meeting high standards of excellence at key points in their education, including graduation from high school. In addition, the practice of social promotion would be ended, not by holding students back indefinitely, but by providing qualified teachers meaningful after-school and summer school programs, smaller classes, and other ways to help students make the grade.

I look forward to working with Congress to pass the "Educational Excellence for All Children Act." I believe it will make a real difference. But as

parents and family members, you also have an important role to play.

Research shows that your personal involvement can make all the difference - read to young children, share and discuss books with older children, and encourage reading through the summer months. Check homework every night. Stay in touch with teachers and principals. Limit TV viewing. And engage in conversation - about values, the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco, the every day hurts and fears of growing up.

Call 1-800-USA-LEARN for more ideas about ways to become more involved in improving your child's education.



BELLE GLADE FIRE RESCUE conducted a child safety seat check at Steve Moore of Belle Glade recently. The firefighters gave parents instructions on how to properly secure the seats.

Lake Okeechobee navigation locks open

Due to continued rainfall in the area to the north of Lake Okeechobee, the South Florida Water Management District reports that navigation locks on the north side of Lake Okeechobee have resumed operations.

The S-127 navigation locks at Buckhead Ridge went back into operation on the morning of Saturday, June 19.

The other navigation locks which have been secured in the open position include J & S Fish Camp (S-135), Henry Creek (G-36) and Taylor Creek (S-193).

If the need arises to pump water from the watershed to the north of Lake Okeechobee in order to provide flood protection, these navigation locks will be put back into service on extremely short notice. Locktenders reported for duty last Saturday morning at each of the navigation locks.

The north lake navigation locks were secured in the open position on May 27 when lake levels stabilized near the 13.5 NGVD elevation. Current rainfall conditions may create a need to pump water, which will require the navigation locks to be put in an operational position. The South Florida Water Management District will make every attempt to keep the locks open as long as possible in order to accommodate recreational boaters. However, the decision to return the locks to operations will be made under short notice. Boaters are strongly urged to check in with the locktender when traveling into Lake Okeechobee and to take notice of the hours of operation at the navigation lock before making plans to

stay out late on the lake. Lock operating hours vary depending on the location and season. Please check the posted hours of operation when locking through.

For more information, please contact the SFWM Okeechobee Service Center at (941)

462-5260 or (800)250-4200. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

On the weekends, you may also call the locktenders for operating information when locking through or contact them on VHF Marine Band Radio Channel 16.



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Our office, located at 208 NW Avenue L, Belle Glade, will be closing its doors on June 30, 1999. Clients are asked to pick up their records by this date.

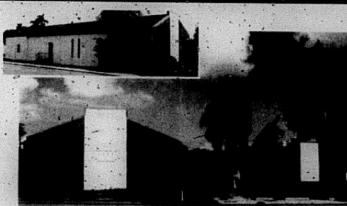


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Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 631 complaints and gave 28 traffic citations the week of June 14-20.

Those arrested included:

June 14 - Ruben Cepeda, 30, criminal mischief over \$1,000 and aggravated domestic assault with a vehicle; **Juvenile, 9**, aggravated battery with a weapon; **Joseph Grice, 46**, felonious domestic battery.

June 15 - Henry Lee Jefferson, 39, possession of a shopping cart; **Charlie Simons Jr.**, 20, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Mirta Mayes**, 38, retail theft; **Clara Forgado**, 36, retail theft.

June 16 - Viole Phillips, 45, failure to appear on charges of retail theft; **Isiah Slaughter**, 29, failure to appear for traffic fines, including driving while license suspended or revoked, violation of probation and order of commitment; **Jesús Romero**, 21, violation of probation.

June 17 - Hercules Yarns, 30, failure to appear on charges of domestic battery, warrant for resisting arrest with violence and burglary with assault and battery; **Jamila Smith**, 21, retail theft.

June 18 - Maqueta Harold, 36, retail theft; **Kerry Evans**, 26, possession of cocaine and marijuana.

June 19 - Willie Blackman, 34, burglary of a vehicle and petty theft; **Ernest Brown**, 19, burglary of a vehicle and petty theft; **Juvenile, 14**, burglary of a vehicle and petty theft; **Tarasela Millner**, 27, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Juvenile, 15**, retail theft.

June 20 - Leroy Simpson, 46, battery.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 12 arrests, handled 155 calls and issued nine

Real Life Rin Tin Tin: Faithful dog leads wildlife officer to injured owner

Like a page lifted from a script from the 1950s television series "Adventures of Rin Tin Tin," a devoted German Shepherd led a Florida wildlife officer back to a wooded grove where the dog's owner lay helpless in a muddy ditch after her horse rolled over and crushed her pelvis.

The story began when Lt. David Wilson, a 31-year veteran wildlife officer with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC), saw a riderless horse galloping south down 66th Avenue about a half-mile north of State Route 60 in western Vero Beach. It was around 9 a.m., Tuesday, June 15.

Miraculously, the passing motorists managed to avoid the panicked animal. Lt. Wilson pulled over, ran out on the road and tried to grab the bridle as the horse bolted

past, but missed. A woman also stopped and attempted to catch the runaway horse without any better luck.

Lt. Wilson said the woman, Darlene Irby, 37, of Vero Beach, told him that she had seen a woman riding that particular horse in that area on several occasions, always accompanied by a German Shepherd and another dog.

Only a short while later, Lt. Wilson spotted a German Shepherd standing by the road. Once the dog saw the officer he began loping down the road in a northerly direction. Lt. Wilson followed in his patrol car, hoping that this was indeed one of the missing woman's dogs and would lead him back to the owner.

The German Shepherd soon turned off the paved

road onto a dirt road leading to a nearby grove of trees. The dog ran along a drainage ditch with Lt. Wilson, now on foot, scrambling in pursuit.

After a short distance, the loyal dog led Lt. Wilson to where the injured woman lay sprawled in the ditch. Her other dog stood guard nearby.

"I assured the woman that help would soon be on its way," Lt. Wilson said. "I radioed for help and then stayed with the accident victim, waiting for the Indian River Emergency Services ambulance."

The injured rider was Linda A. Mikes, 43, of Sebastian who had ridden through Peterson's Grove more than 100 times without incident until the Tuesday mishap. Ms. Mikes told Lt.

Wilson she was guiding her mount across the ditch when the horse lost its footing and rolled over on top of her.

The animal regained its feet and began its furious flight which ultimately took it south down 66th Avenue where Lt. Wilson first spotted it.

"The dog probably saved the woman's life," Lt. Wilson said. "There is no telling how long it would have taken us to locate her if the German Shepherd had not led me back to the accident scene."

The ambulance arrived within a half hour after Lt. Wilson had found the missing rider. She was taken to Indian River

Memorial Hospital in Vero Beach.

Lt. Wilson said the medical staff told him Ms. Mikes had suffered a fractured pelvis.

Fortunately, the victim's back was not broken and there was no danger of paralysis.

The horse also survived the accident and subsequent gallup through oncoming traffic without serious injuries.

Capt. David Sternen, the officer's immediate supervisor, praised Lt. Wilson's quick and effective response.

"The majority of the general public would be surprised at how often our officers respond to incidents far removed from

checking somebody's fishing or hunting license," said Capt. Sternen.

"Our officers deal with everything from a lost child in the woods to recovering survivors from an aircraft crash in the Everglades or being first responder at a traffic accident."

Wildlife Officers were among the first on the scene after Hurricane Andrew struck the Homestead area in 1992 and continued to assist local residents for several months after the storm passed.

Lt. Wilson is ending his three decades plus career on a high note. He retires June 30.

Palm Beach Community College graduates 706 students

Palm Beach Community College awarded degrees to 706 graduates at spring term commencement exercises held May 11 at Florida Atlantic University gymnasium in Boca Raton.

Graduates from the area included:

Belle Glade

Jacqueline Alvarez

Shelley Renee Davis
Juanita De Jesus
Kizzy Denese Frazier
Nikole KaRee Harrell
Eman Shatara

Pahokee
Lori H. Abner
Guillermina Baltazar
Erika Lee Jernigan

South Bay
Serena Lavette Mincey
Melvin Demetrius
Stinson Sr.

Clewiston
Ivana Amelia Escobar
Christina Lynn Johnson
Heather Mammam
Baldemar Martinez Jr.
Grace Waynette Rives'

Shundras Shanae Smith of Belle Glade was one of 900 to receive a diploma on May 7 during the Spring Commencement Ceremony in the Convocation Center at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

The guest speaker was First District Congressman Marion Berry.

Dr. Les Wyatt, president of ASU, presented the various diplomas. Included in the total were seven specialist's, 104 master's, 735 bachelor's and 163 associate's degrees.

The class included 742 graduates from 52 Arkansas counties, 85

graduates from Missouri, 60 from 23 other states including Florida and the District of Columbia and 22 from 10 other countries.

During the ceremony, 126 seniors were recognized by Dr. Bob Fisher, vice president for academic affairs, for outstanding achievement.

Sixteen students received special recognition for their achievements in the Honors Program.

Nine students graduated in University Honors (UH) for having completed a minimum of 24 credit hours of Honors courses and a thesis in the major.

Seven other students were graduated in Honors for having completed a minimum of 18 credit hours of Honors courses.

Four students graduated Summer Cum Laude with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. 53 students graduated Magna Cum Laude with a grade point from 3.80 to 3.99.

Shundras received a bachelors of science in physical education.

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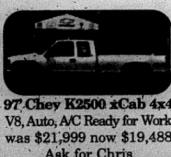
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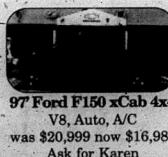
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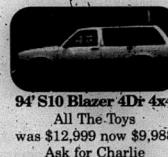
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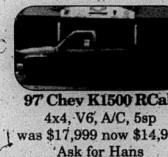
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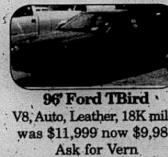
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NASCAR this week

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- **Truck Series, Bally Hill Vine, 150**
12:30 p.m. • Saturday • ESPN
- **Busch Series, Lysol 200**
noon • Sunday • ESPN
- **Winston Cup, Save Mart/Kragen 350**
4:30 p.m. • Sunday • ESPN

1999 POINTS STANDINGS

Winston Cup	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 2,344	1. Dale Jarrett Jr., 2,264	1. Jack Sprague, 1,680
2. Jeff Burton, 2,255	2. Matt Kenseth, 2,200	2. Mike Wallace, 1,584
3. Jeff Burton, 2,255	3. Jeff Green, 2,184	3. Ron Hornaday, 1,500
4. Mark Martin, 2,153	4. Elton Sawyer, 1,960	4. Greg Biffle, 1,578
5. Jeff Gordon, 1,995	5. Todd Bodine, 1,903	5. Dennis Setzer, 1,563
6. Tony Stewart, 1,993	6. Jason Keller, 1,850	6. Kevin Harvick, 1,437
7. Ward Burton, 1,869	7. Mike Wallace, 1,847	7. Mike Bliss, 1,424
8. Ward Burton, 1,869	8. Mike Wallace, 1,676	8. Kevin Harvick, 1,437
9. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,784	9. Dave Blaney, 1,640	9. Kevin Harvick, 1,437
10. Terry Labonte, 1,758	10. Casey Atwood, 1,640	10. Mike Bliss, 1,424

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. (2) **Bobby Labonte** Three races, two wins
2. (1) **Dale Jarrett** Third isn't bad
3. (5) **Jeff Gordon** Back on track
4. (3) **Jeff Burton** Early Pocono crash
5. (5) **Mark Martin** Always solid
6. (6) **Tony Stewart** Consistently fast
7. (8) **Dale Jarrett** Starting to rustle
8. (7) **Rusty Wallace** Blowouts hurt
9. (10) **Ward Burton** Late casualty
10. (—) **Sterling Marlin** A pole and a fourth

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

June 27	Sears Point Raceway
July 11	International Speedway
July 25	Pocono Raceway
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International
Aug. 22	Michigan International
Aug. 29	Bristol Motor Speedway
Sept. 5	Darlington Raceway
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway
Oct. 3	Watkins Glen International
Oct. 10	Champagne Motor Speedway
Oct. 17	Talladega Super Speedway
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway
Nov. 14	Homestead-Miami Homestead Motorsports Complex
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

In an unusually lively race for Pocono, Bobby Labonte took the lead from Jimmy Spencer (who faded to 14th) and captured his first career victory at the track and second in his last three starts. Trailing Labonte across the line, in order, were Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett, pole winner Sterling Marlin, Mark Martin, Tony Stewart and Dale Earnhardt.

It was the third victory of the season for a Pontiac.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

In a first-time appearance on a road course, Roush Racing teamates Greg Biffle and Mike Bliss finished 1-2 at Portland, Ore.

Jack Sprague took a 16-point lead over Stacy Compton in the season standings. But both Compton and Ron Hornaday crashed,

and Sprague had to replace a faulty clutch.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Michael Waltrip vs. Bill Elliott

An inadvertent tap from Elliott sent Michael Waltrip into the wall and out of the Pocono 500. "Whoever was behind me ran over me wide open. He couldn't have hit me any harder," fumed Waltrip.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Elliott's reputation is almost spotless, and he seldom wrecks anyone. One wonders, had Waltrip known it was Elliott when he made his remarks, if he would have said them."

AROUND THE GARAGE

McClure looking to expand his team

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

LONG POND, Pa. -- Bobby Hamilton and Larry McClure have reluctantly accepted the fact that having a multiracial team has become virtually a precondition for Winston Cup success.

The trick is getting a sponsor to facilitate an expansion.

Car owner McClure hopes to have a second Chevrolet up and running by mid-July, but

until then, Hamilton and McClure's No. 4 Chevrolet face an uphill struggle.

"If we had two teams, the R&D, research and development) thing would have gone twice as quick," said the plain-spoken Hamilton. "It will be beneficial to us."

"It's as simple as this: If I go out and run one lap at Daytona, (multiracial owner) Jack Roush has run out and run five laps. Rick Hendrick has run three. Robert Yates

and several others have run two. You have all that data coming off a test, and all we have is one lap. That multiplies through a 500-lap race. I don't think it's fair, but we control our own destiny. If I have one lap, it is what we chose. They (expanded) and they made it work. What's happened is technology prevailed a little bit."

FIRING BUCKSHOT? Well, not really. Owner

Billy Jones has decided to scale back the number of races his son, Buckshot, will be driving for the rest of the Cup schedule. One apparent casualty of the decision is Larry Pearson, who will be forced to relinquish the Busch Grand National Pontiac he has driven for most of the year at Buckshot Racing. In the absence of Cup events, the younger Jones will drive the team's No. 00 car in BGN races, replacing Pearson.

ON THE SCHEDULE

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: Save Mart/Kragen 350

Where: Sears Point Raceway, Sonoma, Calif. (1.95-mile track), 112 laps/218.5 miles

When: Sunday, June 27

Defending champion: Jeff Gordon

Qualifying record: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 98.711 mph,

June 26, 1998

Race record: Ernie Irvan, Chevrolet, 81.413 mph, June 7, 1992

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: Lysol 200

Where: Watkins Glen (N.Y.)

International (2.45-mile track), 82 laps/200.9 miles

When: Sunday, June 27

Defending champion: Ron Fellows

Qualifying record: Ron Fellows, Chevrolet, 117.675 mph, June 27, 1998

Race record: Terry Labonte

Where: Watkins Glen (N.Y.)

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Coming up: Bally Hill Vineyards

Where: Watkins Glen (N.Y.)

International (2.45-mile track), 61 laps/149.45 miles

When: Saturday, June 26

Defending champion: Joe Rutman

Qualifying record: Ron Fellows, Chevrolet, 117.476 mph, May 22, 1998

Race record: Ron Fellows, Chevrolet, 97.790 mph, Aug. 24, 1997

Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

You reported that Terry Labonte won the closest race in (Busch) series history, edging Joe Nemecek by an estimated 2.35 inches (.002 of a second).*

I question the 2.35 inches.

Arian DeKock
Rolla, Mo.

Your enclosed mathematical estimate (figuring the margin as 6.688 inches) appears correct to us. The figure cited was disseminated, apparently wrongly, by press box officials.

X

Dear NASCAR This Week,

As a teen-ager, I am able to get a scholarship in any sport I choose to do well in. Except NASCAR. Can you tell us if there are any racing schools that enable someone to enter the various NASCAR racing leagues? Is there a given set of rules governing potential race drivers?

There are a few million of us who can drive just as well as the current racers.

Mike Clark
Athens, Tenn.

Racing schools exist, but none that I can see a person enrolls in to learn the sport. We sympathize with your plight, but do not believe there are millions of people out there "who can drive just as well as the current racers." If you, or anyone else, really can drive that well, an influential person will notice.

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Dear NASCAR This Week,

Why is it all of a sudden this year, "Geff Bodine" is now known as "Geoffrey Bodine?"

Karl Krause
Lehighton, Pa.

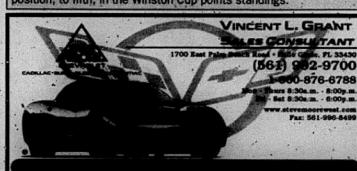
Before the season Mr. Bodine said he would prefer to be called Geoffrey, not Geoff.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ Between 1958 and 1969 (when it closed), Riverside International Raceway, the great Southern California road course, hosted 47 Winston Cup (originally Grand National) races. Dan Gurney earned the first pole of his career in 1970, and in 1982 new the 200th pole of his career. In 1976, Gurney and Ricky Rudd earned the first victories of both Bill and Ricky Rudd.

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Early in the Pocono 500, Jeff Gordon dropped well off the pace and he told crew chief Ray Evernham, "It feels like there's no shock on the left side." Whatever the problem was, Evernham and crew managed to correct it without costing Gordon a lap. He ended up finishing second for the second week in a row and moved up one position, to fifth, in the Winston Cup points standings.



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Openings for children at East Coast Migrant Head Start

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Head Start's centers have vacancies for children at their locations. The free program is for low-income children ages six weeks to five years. Also eligible for Head Start are children with disabilities. Applicants must meet family income guidelines.

East Coast Migrant Head Start runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and provides breakfast, lunch,

and a snack.

Centers include the South Bay Center at 996-2399, the O'Brien Center at 996-1473, Early Head Start at 996-5433 and the Shannon Center at 996-2232.

Live animals

The Belle Glade Branch Library will feature Rain Forest Rescue on Thursday, June 24, at 2 p.m.

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This program is presented by the Palm Beach Zoo and is recommended for third graders or older (8 years old and up), not three to five years old, as previously reported. The youngsters will learn about ways to save the vanishing rain forests and see live animals.

For more information, call the Belle Glade Library at 996-3453.

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OLYMPIC STARS...Two Belle Glade students and members of the Glades Track Club competed in the USATF Region IV/FLA Jr. Olympic National Qualifier June 16 through June 19 at Tropical Park in Miami.

Geneeka Morris and Anita Perkins brought home six Gold Medals and one Silver during the competition. The girls competed in the High Jump, Shot Put, Long Jump, 80 meter hurdle, Javelin, 100 meter hurdle in the midget and youth age groups.

Geneeka, 12, won three gold medals and one silver while Anita won five gold medals and ranked first place in the Pentathlon.

The track and field stars will go on to compete in the Jr. Olympics Nationals in Omaha, Nebraska on July 27.

Coch Mike White said he was very proud of the young women and is asking anyone wishing to help with the girl's expenses to call at 793-5159.

SO PROUDLY YOU SERVE

Marine Cpl. Daniel P. Scott, son of Jake E. Scott of Belle Glade, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Doxer Amphibious Ready Group.

During the deployment Scott participated in the exercise Eager Mace, an exercise conducted to improve the interoperability between Kuwait and U.S. military forces. He also participated in Edged Mallet, a bilateral training exercise with the Kenya military.

Scott conducted port visits to Australia, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Kenya, Singapore and Thailand. While in port he had the opportunity to be involved in multiple community relations projects. Scott's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly seize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element. With the combination of these teams, Scott's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces. Scott is a 1995 graduate of Glades Day School.

Army Reserve Pfc. Malisa L. Smith has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

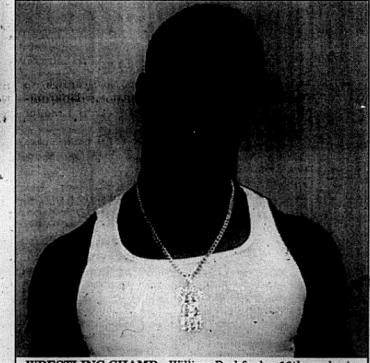
During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions and special training in human relations.

Smith is the granddaughter of Dorothy Brown of Pahokee. The private is a 1998 graduate of Pahokee High School.

Army Pvt. Elaine M. Sorrell has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions and special training in human relations.

Sorrell is the daughter of Doreen B. Holness of Tallahassee. She is a 1993 graduate of Pahokee High School.



GRADUATE...Belle Glade resident Vincent Clarence Poole was a 1999 graduate of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. He was one of 84 graduates who participated in the school's 85th commencement ceremony in St. Augustine.

Vincent is a Dear Department graduate and an honor roll student. His future plans are to seek immediate employment.

FSDB draws students from across all ethnic lines and in about the same proportions as exist within the state's school districts.

The school offers an educational program for pre-school through 12th grade and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Conference of Educational Administrators serving the Deaf and the National Council for Agencies.

Chamber of Commerce Joint Mixer

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and Palms West Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Joint Mixer" at Bonnie's Restaurant on Thursday, June 24.

Chamber members from the area are encouraged to attend and socialize with fellow members for networking and fun.

Bonnie's is located at 14555 Southern Blvd. in Loxahatchee. The mixer will be held from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Agencies partner up for kids

Each year, ACENET (Adult and Community Education Network) and Florida IDEAL (Institute for Development and Enhancement of Adult

Learning) recognize exemplary educational programs in the community by making them official "ACENET/IDEAL Community Programs."

In 1999, the Glades Boys & Girls Club has been named one such program of distinction.

The Glades Boys & Girls Clubs provide educational, vocational and recreational activities to children during times that school is not in session.

Before school, after school and during school breaks, the Glades Boys & Girls Clubs are open to children ages 6-18. Six facilities in Belle Glade, South Bay and Canal Point offer a wide range of programming that includes homework help, sports leagues, drug and alcohol resistance training, art workshops and much more.

The ACENET/IDEAL Steering Committee cited several reasons for choosing the Glades

Boys & Girls Club for their award.

"Before the Boys & Girls Club came along," he said, "There was a substantial user fee for after-school care for school aged children. Many parents couldn't afford it and I didn't sleep at night thinking about how to fund it."

Mr. Fuller approached Bill Carter, Director of the Glades Boys & Girls Clubs, about taking over the programs and the clubs have grown with tremendous success since he did.

The School Board provides space and utilities, while the Boys & Girls Clubs provide staff and programming, resulting in a win-win situation for everyone.

Dr. Valerie Bryan, Director of Florida ACENET/IDEAL, was impressed. "There was a lot of interagency cooperation going on. They used all the resources that were available to them."

The Glades Boys & Girls Clubs are open from 5:30 until 8 a.m.

and all six sites open again from 2 until 8 p.m. daily during the school year.

The Clubs remain open all day during the summer and other school breaks.

The ACENET/IDEAL committed also noted that high school students can earn community service credits for volunteering at the Clubs.

Dr. Clarence Fuller, assistant principal of Glades Central Community High School, nominated the Boys & Girls Club for

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